

ITEM:

SUBJECT: Westwood Community Services District, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Lassen County

BOARD ACTION: Consideration of Cease and Desist Order

BACKGROUND: The Westwood Community Services District (Discharger) operates a domestic wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) consisting of five ponds adjacent to Mountain Meadows Reservoir. The Discharger is regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. 5-01-253. The average dry weather design capacity of the WWTP is 0.3 million gallons per day. The original wastewater collection system was built in the early 1900's. During the last 40 years, several collection system upgrades have been performed. In 1998, the Discharger received a Community Development Block Grant and Farmers Home Administration loan to upgrade the remainder of the collection system, including the refurbishing of several pump stations. However, in the last several years, the WWTP has experienced repeated violations of their minimum freeboard specification. During the large storms of early 2006, the WWTP discharged thousands of gallons of partially treated wastewater, in violation of their waste discharge requirements.

ISSUES: The tentative Cease and Desist Order requires the Discharger to cease and desist from violating wastewater pond freeboard requirements, and discharging and threatening to discharge waste in violation of waste discharge requirements Order No. 5-01-253. The Cease and Desist Order calls for an investigation of the potential causes of the violations, a proposal for correcting the problem, and a time schedule for implementing the corrections.

The scope and compliance dates in this Cease and Desist Order have been established with input from the Discharger. This item is uncontested.

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